

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Preliminary to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE ABSTRACT:

Please enter the abstract, as attached.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Kindly amend claims 9-11 as follows.

Kindly add new claims 14-17 as follows.